GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1116
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PNDT Act
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that many illegal sex determination/selection cases have been exposed through raids recently in many States and if so, the details thereof, including the number of machines sealed and convictions secured under Pre Conception (PC) & Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PNDT) Act, 1994;

(b) whether the Government has taken any action in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether child sex ratio has dropped over the years in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is planning to initiate any programme to increase female ratio by providing funds and other facilities and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has initiated a mobile team under PC & PNDT Act to prevent pre-natal diagnostics and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a) & (b): As per the information received from States/UTs State of Haryana has conducted maximum 278 decoy/Sting operations followed by 78 stings/Decoy operations in Rajasthan.

As per Quarterly Progress Reports (QPRs) March, 2017 submitted by States/ UTs, so far, a total of 1762 machines have been sealed and seized for violations of the law. A total of 2371 court cases have been filed by the District Appropriate Authorities under the Act and 416 convictions have so far been secured. Following conviction, the medical licenses of 114 doctors have been suspended/ cancelled. 27.5% of total on-going court cases have been filed in Rajasthan alone, followed by 24.12% in Maharashtra. Details enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c): The Child Sex Ratio (CSR) for the age group of 0-6 years as per the 2011 Census has declined to 918 girls as against 927 per thousand boys as recorded in the 2001 Census. State wise Child Sex Ratio (CSR) over the years at Annexure-II.

(d): The Central Government is rendering financial support under NHM to strengthen implementation structures in all the states. During 2016-17 Rs. 1229.82 lakhs have been approved for setting up dedicated PNDT cells, capacity building of appropriate authorities and Judiciary, monitoring and mapping of pre-natal diagnostic facilities, dedicated website and online MIS.

(e): Government of India has constituted National Inspection and Monitoring Committee for monitoring the implementation of the PC&PNDT Act at the ground level. On the similar lines States/ UTs have also constituted States/UTs Inspection and Monitoring Committees (SIMC) for the monitoring of the PC&PNDT Act at the state level.